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DEMANDS WILL INCREASE
It is forecast here that, when the next session of Parliament opens, probably towards the end of January 1949, there will be an insistent chorus of demands for lowering of taxes, with the latest report that \$44,515,000 surplus has been achieved by the Canadian government between April 1 and August 31 compared with \$443,972,000 for the same period last year helping the case of those asking for tax cuts.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL
"I think myself that they should be admitted and I think the Legion, now should be tolerant", said Capt. Dave Burgess, MC, past president of the Canadian Legion in Ottawa, suggesting that NRMA troops who served in World War 2 theatres of war should be permitted to join the Canadian Legion.

"While we must never overlook the importance of safe custody we must realize the importance of turning out the prisoner better equipped than when he entered", declared Maj. Gen. R. B. Gibson, Commissioner of Penitentiaries, during an address here to officers of Canadian penal institutions.

"The best way to fight Communism is to give our young people parks and recreational facilities", advised Hon. Alexander Tache in a talk in the capital.

"No matter what their political views, Canadians will view this spectacle in shame and reassert their demand that the federal government act on the need for low rental housing now," commented CCF leader, M.J. O'Dell on the eviction of families from army barracks in a certain Canadian city.

"I was told that discipline in Canadian schools was not too good", asserted Miss Nora Latham of Nottingham, England, exchange teacher now in Canada. "After a week here I don't agree" she emphasized.

WEEKLY WIND-UP
Perhaps, it is the beginning of something important so that it can be reported now that hotels appear to be having more rooms readily available, it is learned in Ottawa, with the situation easing up considerably for travellers.

While reports have indicated that United States authorities are barring many labor leaders from entering the country, yet inquiries here now show that this ban is not directed in the least at trade unionists in general but only against known or suspected Communists in particular.

Plans are completed for a huge gathering here of the Civil Service Assembly of Canada and the United States, with about 600 delegates coming for this big gathering, including Sir Percy Waterfield, Commissioner for the United Kingdom Civil Service.

terrace, 4,916 apartment of flat units and 79 others.

It is estimated by officials here from the types of dwellings being constructed that 28% of the dwelling units completed in the first 8 months of this year are for rental purposes and that the remainder will be owner-occupied. The proportion of rental units has fallen from 30% for the first seven months and 32% for the first six months, indicating that a much larger proportion of the completions in the last two months are for owner-occupancy.

DROP IN PRICES
Unofficially, it is predicted here that there will be a gradual drop in meat prices soon, though this may be followed by a slight increase in some areas in the coming winter, even if this increase would most likely not reach the peak recorded in 1948. Much will depend if it is hinted on the reaction in the United States where experts are now predicting bluntly that meat prices will come down. With U.S. markets loaded prices are bound to fall somewhat, it is stressed.

IMPORTANT STORY
There is no attempt in this capital to minimize the importance of the reports that the adoption of the "unified" screw thread by the United States, Britain and Canada can be interrupted as the first major step toward a general standardization of industrial production linked to defence preparations. Indeed, it is possible, if not probable that the handicap of a lack of standard equipment and tools and that the Allies during the past war was a big error and it is now hinted that this mistake will not be repeated. If another war should ever break out. To the average Canadian, this story may not appear to be of major significance but it regarded with utmost importance by defence authorities here, especially since it is pointed out that, if standardization can be accomplished in one direction, it might also be in other respects.

This means that eventually there may be a general standardization of tools and equipment used by Britain, United States and Canada, the present initial step on the "unified" screw is advanced in another direction as it is generally expected here.

COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

There is intense interest about Parliament Hill in the apparent decision at Cabinet level to appoint a Royal Commission under the Public Inquiries Act for the purpose of examining and reporting upon questions of economic policy within the jurisdiction of Parliament involved in the operation and maintenance of national transportation. In this connection it is pointed out that the Public Inquiries Act excludes from its operation inquiries regulated by any special law. The scope of the

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ive—Conservative leader, George Drew will shortly not only make a tour of the country from coast to coast but that he will make an energetic drive to reorganize the party in every direction, with the basic strategy behind these steps being that the party should be fully prepared for the sudden calling of a general election. Such a snap election has been rumored here for some time now, with gossip saying it may come early next summer. Likewise

it is expected here that the recently chosen leader of the Liberals, Louis St. Laurent, may start a drive to reorganize that party's forces. With both parties thus engaged, there is no doubt in this capital that domestic political life will be greatly revitalized in the coming weeks.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY

The acute housing shortage across Canada is still described here as a national emergency and the Canadian Welfare Council has concluded that the lack of dwelling accommodation is the most pressing of all national social problems of the moment so that the latest report of the Canadian government on the number of dwelling units completed in Canada is considered of the utmost interest. This official survey shows that in the first eight months of 1948 an estimated 43,571 dwelling units were completed in Canada, including 35,416 one-family detached units, 2,290 two-family detached, 876 row or

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